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Consumers stand perplexed at the fish counter. Cod or salmon; mackerel or sea bass? Or perhaps rather carp and trout? How about flounder and dab? Dab what? A terrific flatfish, but sadly hardly anyone has heard of it. And what was it again about organic, aquaculture, wild-caught, and that little blue sustainability certificate? Is catching your own a way out? Before you start thinking it's time to opt for a chop and fried potatoes instead, read this book. It provides readers with deep blue facts from the world's waters and analyses the global and local habitat of the finned creature.

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Manfred Kriener is a journalist and author. He is mainly concerned with environmental policy and nutrition issues.

Stefan Linzmaier studied biology in Munich, and aquaculture and fisheries science in Berlin. He then received his PhD from the Free University of Berlin in aquatic ecology and invasion biology.

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Malte Rubach has been working as a speaker and author on the topics of nutrition, health, sustainability and innovation for more than 15 years. His works have been published in international trade journals and books, including The New York Times and Folha de S. Paulo. In 2020, Hirzel Verlag published his book "Die Ökobilanz auf dem Teller" (The Life Cycle Assessment on the Plate).

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“Well, that’s football for you!” – football-related conventional wisdom when there’s nothing left to explain after a lucky win or unlucky defeat. But Jörg Heinrich, the renowned football journalist, is not satisfied with this platitude. “Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda”: in the 25 essays in this ball-smart book, bursting with esprit and wit, Jörg Heinrich addresses questions and topics that have never even been considered before, never mind answered. Such as: “What if Günter Netzer had not come on as a substitute in 1973?”, or “if Birgit Prinz had aimed better in the 1995 World Cup?”. “What if Mario Basler had been a non-smoker in 1999”, or “if SC Freiburg had fired their coach Christian Streich after relegation in 2015?”.

FOOTBALL



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Freelance journalist **Jörg Heinrich** lives in Munich and writes for the sports sections of several daily newspapers, including Kicker. He is the author of numerous successful books in his field. His declaration of love “111 Gründe, Bayern München zu lieben” (111 Reasons to Love Bayern München) is already in its eighth edition.

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The phenomenon of anti-scientific disinformation has been discussed in the recent past under the acronym FLICC (Fake experts, Logical fallacies, Impossible expectations, Cherry-picking and Conspiracy theories), especially as it pertains to the topic of climate change. What is generally missing however is a more comprehensive consideration of science denial in different disciplines with a critical examination of the central arguments and a comparison of the parallels. Holm Gero Hümmler dedicates himself to this task in this readable and fact-orientated book on topics such as genetic engineering, mobile phone networks, radioactivity, and chips that are implanted under the skin for medical reasons.

By the same author:



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Dr. Holm Gero Hümmler is chairman of the journal Skeptiker and is involved in the Society for the Scientific Investigation of Parasciences (GWUP). He joined the core team of the podcast “WTF Talk” in 2023. He studied physics (with a minor in meteorology), and works as a management consultant.

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Many would agree that we are living in one of humanity's most permissive times. Sex seems to be available anywhere, anytime. These developments can lead to the conclusion that we are all having all the sex we want today. In fact, though, a number of international studies have shown in recent years that our mobile phone and pornography consumption in particular, as well as women's empowerment, have led to a decrease rather than an increase in sexuality. In her entertaining book, Juliane Burghardt analyses and evaluates the situation in our bedrooms.

PSYCHOLOGY



Dr. Juliane Burghardt is a scientist at the Karl Landsteiner University of Health Sciences in the Department of Clinical Psychology. Previously, she conducted research at various other universities, including the Universities of Heidelberg and Hamburg, the University Medical Centre in Mainz and the University of California in Davis. As well as changes in sexuality, she also investigates gender differences in mental illness.

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A crisis does not make a disease. It only becomes dangerous when we get stuck – in the ways of thinking and acting that are rooted in our fears and desires, but not in reality. That way, we wear ourselves out for nothing; exhaustion and frustration increase, and may even end in depression. This book sheds a light on ten main stress situations that may be the reason for depression. It goes far beyond the usual explanations of the symptoms of depression or individual stories, and is a treasure trove for people who want to understand what has caused them to wear themselves out mentally and how they can lift themselves out of this low.

Also about mental health:



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Dr. med. Barbara Günther-Haug is a doctor and psychotherapist. Her practice is based in depth psychology, and she is also a specialist in special psychotrauma therapy. She runs the "Psychoticker" blog with articles on mental health.

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"The fact that words have an impact, that they shape, form, create reality, means that we can write against existing systems, and perhaps we even have to. We describe what it's like and explain why. And we say how it should be, how it will be. In a future without patriarchy."

Austrian author Mareike Fallwickl



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Do we still need feminism in Europe? Equality or difference feminism? A new generation of feminists has now broken away from the feminism of the 1960s. The old white Cis man has been discredited, by the Me Too movement at the latest. Sexualised violence against women has been outlawed, perpetrators taken to court. So everything's good? No, of course not. Men still dominate public discourse; men are unchallenged in leadership positions in politics, society and business; male power still prevails in the domestic environment as well. The extent to which men fight back when they feel threatened by feminism is also evident in the revival of authoritarian nationalist politicians in Europe and around the world. The seven authors shed

light on feminist struggles in different areas of life, and illustrate the range of feminism today.

FEMINISM



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Bettina Schulte first came into contact with the relevant writings at an early age through the influence of a feminist-orientated mother. Over the past twenty years, she has witnessed how feminist views have increasingly permeated and gained influence in Western societies, and how women have asserted themselves since then, especially in the field of art – while power structures remain firmly in the hands of men.

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Bettina Schulte (ed.)
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"Rescue" has two fundamentally different "existential" dimensions. One is aimed at "saving" individual lives that are in danger. Firefighters, for instance, rescue people from fires, while the sea rescue services rescue shipwrecked people from the Mediterranean. The second dimension of "rescue", on the other hand, concerns systems – think of the bailing out of banks, the euro or the climate disaster – and so points to a larger context that creates the conditions for "life" to even be possible, or at least to be preserved. The complex subject of this stringent essay is just to what extent politics enable or prevent "rescue attempts", to what extent it understands its actions as "rescue actions", and how decisively the "narrative", i.e. the "talk of rescue", ultimately dominates our entire understanding of politics.

POLITICS



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Johannes F. Lehmann has been Professor of Modern German Literature and Cultural Studies at the University of Bonn since 2014. His research focuses on the literature of the 18th and 19th centuries, cultural science questions on the genealogy of modernity in theatre and anthropology.

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Nursing is sick and lacking. In funding, staff and structure. The issue of who is going to care for Germany's elderly and sick in the future, and how and where they are going to do so, is completely open. One thing is certain: caring won't work at all without the "joint commitment of everyone". Thomas Klie, an expert in this field, identifies and analyses the dilemmas of the care industry. Above all, though, he and other experts present ideas and perspectives for the future – and in doing so challenge the hitherto half-hearted to lurching care policy.

HEALTH



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Social and legal scholar **Professor Dr. habil. Thomas Klie** teaches public law and administrative science at the Protestant University for Applied Sciences Freiburg. He is involved in several associations, foundations and advisory boards on the topics of ageing, care and solidarity in society. His most recent publication "Recht auf Demenz. Ein Plädoyer" (Right to Dementia. A Plea) was published by Hirzel in 2021.

By the same author:



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- New insights thanks to extensive research
- The author reveals structural problems and offers solutions – an urgently necessary book, not least with a view to the acute shortage of skilled workers

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450,000 migrant workers toll on German construction sites, work in sometimes inhumane conditions in meat factories or as truck drivers, and let's not forget the hordes of cleaners in German hotels and companies. They are systematically exploited and cheated out of their wages. Sascha Lübke exposes the octopus-like network of partly criminal companies in a shadowy world where the boundary between the legal and the illegal is blurred. In his evocative book with interviews with those affected, he reveals how a parallel system has established itself in the German working world, but also how those affected resist.

SOCIETY



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Sascha Lübke has been working as a reporter for Wochentaz since 2022, and was nominated, together with Marc Neller, that same year for the German Reporter Award in the category "Reportage". His articles appear in Zeit Online, taz, NZZ, Welt am Sonntag, the Tagesspiegel and fluter, and other publications. His work as a reporter and author covers the topics of migration, integration and social inequality.

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During the corona crisis, Robert Koch's name has been on everyone's lips: Robert Koch is regarded as one of the shining lights in German medical history. However, the expedition that he undertakes in 1906 to the "protected area" of German East Africa even the institute named after him describes as the darkest chapter in Koch's history. Lichtwarck-Aschoff's oppressive book tells how the Nobel laureate conducted medical tests on people suffering from the sleeping sickness transmitted by the tsetse fly, and recommended the internment of sick people in camps. The aim was to preserve the labour power of the healthy colonised – even if that were at the cost of the infected suffering damage to their body and soul or even dying.



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In "When The Giraffe Still Had Admirers" we get to know Claude Bernard and Louis Pasteur, Antoine Laurent de Lavoisier and Étienne Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire. Lichtwarck-Aschoff takes their lives and discoveries – often resulting from serendipity – as the starting point for his stories. The enthralling read makes literature so eloquent, full of wit and powerful that this author is no longer just an insider tip.



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There he stands, the man the whole of Spain cheered, before whom the most catholic regents Isabella and Ferdinand rose to their feet, his eyes on his ship Capitana, devoured by shipworm, stranded off Jamaica. Some of the crew mutiny, the locals can no longer be fobbed off with glass beads, the Spanish on the nearby island of Hispaniola do not help, the world doesn't want anything to do with him, the demanding whinger. He, Christopher Columbus, is a John Lackland, a king without land, a conqueror without conquest. Between fiction and historical truth, Wolfgang Wissler recounts the legendary sailor's last expedition in an entirely new way – and what a story it is!

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- On the occasion of Kant's 300th birthday in April 2024



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It is said that all the ladies in Königsberg had a crush on Kant. How one coifs one's intellectual giants, one's occidental luminaries. Although at the time, Kant employed a Huguenot wigmaker to style his hair. Of whom not much is known. Except that he would have liked to get rid of the wigs and replace them with a short back and sides. And that he tried to comply practically with the idea of enlightenment. But with Kant's sentences the great philosopher only ever addressed the enlightenment-driven rulers of Europe, and never the people of Africa, whose different skin colour alone proved to Kant that they could not reach a higher level of civilisation on their own. But he and Kant only really fell out seriously over Esther, the pleasing and seductive maid...

HISTORY



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Michael Lichtwarck-Aschoff is an emeritus anaesthesiologist and intensive care physician who worked and taught at several European universities, and only then began to write literarily. He was awarded the Swabian Prize for Literature and the renowned Irseer Pegasus. Hirzel's most recent publications of his works are "Robert Kochs Affe. Der grandiose Irrtum des berühmten Seuchenarztes!" (Robert Koch's Ape. The great mistake of the famous physician) (2021), and "Als die Giraffe noch Liebhaber hatte. Wie vier Forscher in ihre Entdeckungen stolperten" (When the Giraffe Still Had Admirers. How four scientists stumbled across their discoveries) (2022).



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The Hamas attack on Israel is further aggravating the situation in the Middle East, and will continue to intensify anti-Semitism. And this plague, combined with Israel's denied right to exist; the attacks in Brussels and Paris; the aggressive violence against everything Jewish in the Islamic world – is as dangerous as ever. Hatred of the Jews is old, vast and strong. The anamnesis began 2500 years ago in the Middle Ages, and came to head in the 18th and 19th centuries. It culminated ideologically in the Wannsee Conference, and became murderous in Auschwitz. Historian Sebastian Voigt provides a dense history of the hatred of the Jews – and combines it with a passionate call for courageous resistance.

ANTISEMITISM



Dr. Sebastian Voigt is a historian, research associate at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich, and a fellow at the Institute for Social Movements in Bochum. He is also a lecturer at the University of the Federal Armed Forces in Munich and the Ruhr University Bochum. He writes for taz, the Tagesspiegel and the Jerusalem Post, among others.

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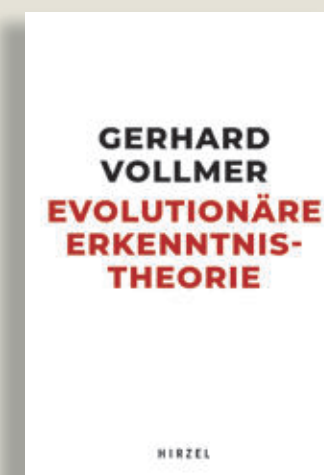
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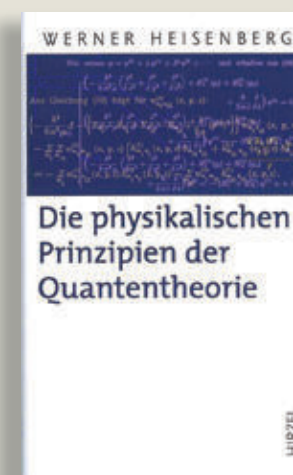
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According to evolutionary epistemology, the fact that we can know the world is neither coincidence nor divine providence, but has a natural explanation. Thinking and cognition are achievements of the human brain. Our cognitive structures fit into our world because they have evolved in adaptation to this world. This fit is not ideal, but it is enough for survival under competition. Gerhard Vollmer was instrumental in developing evolutionary epistemology. In his standard work, he explains the achievements and failures of our cognitive apparatus.



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Jean-Henri Fabre (1823–1915) was a French teacher, scientist and researcher. At a time when insects were not among the preferred biological objects of study (and if they were, it was only for them to be collected, pinned and identified), Fabre began to conduct behavioural research on insects. This was not appreciated until very late in his life, so Fabre and his family were largely destitute most of the time. Stephan Krall provides a very personal account of this extraordinary and passionate researcher of insects, spiders and scorpions, who managed to publish scientific documents, complete his doctorate and write books on the side. Today he is considered as one of the founding fathers of the behavioural biology of insects.

Joël Luc Cachelin
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We're on an idyllic, albeit fictional, archipelago in the North Sea. Nobody keeps an animal against its will here, and no one sells the materials obtained from killing an animal. No animals are used in agriculture or for research, beauty and food industries. There are no zoos, and there's no animal testing. No one wears wool or leather. Vegania is entirely vegan. Now Karnivoria wants to follow suit, and asks Vegania for advice: how can an entirely different society work; how is it possible to move away from animal products, and how would this affect the catering and food industries and agriculture? An exciting scientific experiment that Joël Luc Cachelin underpins with linguistic sophistication and scientific expertise in this extraordinary book about the possibilities of a livestock-free society.

Bernd Villhauer
My Bank Washes Greener
Eco lies told by the finance sector
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And suddenly every bank is sustainable. This truly necessary "debate book" explains in a well-founded way what green-washing means in the financial sector, and why banks, insurance companies, asset managers, stockbrokers and other financial players clothe themselves in their allegedly so green-and-friendly cloak. It provides an easy-to-understand explanation of the various forms of greenwashing, how we can recognise the different "varieties" and – above all – how we can avoid them. This is also important because the entire financial and capital system is an important part of a sustainable future – and this can only succeed if it is honest, transparent and impact-orientated.

Monika Niehaus/Martin Osterloh
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What processes in the brain are responsible for intelligence, free will, empathy or reason? Can memories be falsified? And what does actually happen in the brain when we reach puberty? Monika Niehaus and Martin Osterloh answer these and many other neuroscientific questions in their book – a fundamental work on brain research, and easy to understand, exciting and entertaining.



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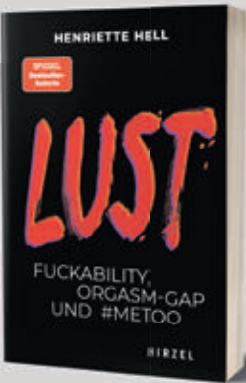
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“The Limits to Growth” was published by the Club of Rome in 1972 when the term “eco” was more defamatory than trendy. This never worried Franz Alt and Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, long-standing co-chairman of the Club of Rome. The two committed and renowned environmental experts have campaigned for decades for a change of heart in how we treat our planet. Their book delivers a stark diagnosis about the state of the Earth – though without giving up hope. They search for a way out of the global crisis: what is the blueprint for a democracy that addresses humanity's needs and for a sustainable economy? Are we ready to learn from nature and to make not just human beings, but all living creatures our priority? This book encourages and offers with numerous examples a vision for the future that respects the eco-system.



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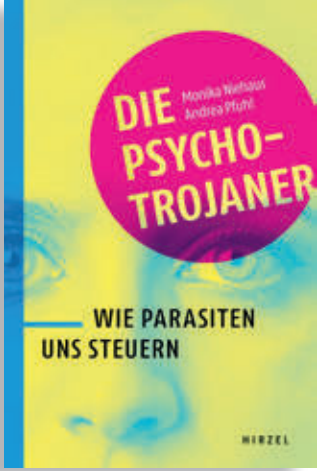
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For the current German government coalition the legalisation of cannabis is a done deal. Over the course of the legislative period, the possibility is to be created of providing adults with a controlled supply of cannabis for recreational purposes. But regardless of that, the health consequences of cannabis use remain controversial. In his book, the author debates the state of opinion. What findings on cannabis are definite today, and which questions remain unanswered? He also takes stock of the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes, which has been legal for years. Whether about the plant, its effects on body and mind or the legal situation in other countries, anyone who wishes to have a well-considered say on the topic of cannabis needs to read this book.



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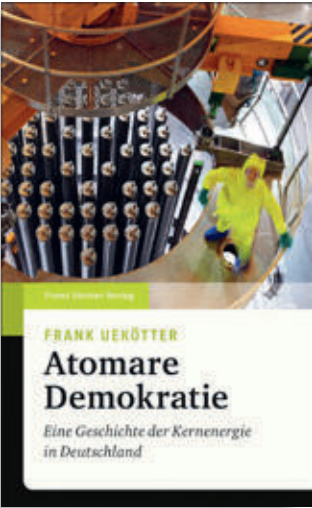
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